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COURTESY

Etiquette campaign working: Metrolinx

Gilbert Ngabo
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Six months after launching its online etiquette campaign targeting customers who display inappropriate behaviour while on Go trains and buses, the transit corporation says etiquette fails are down across the board.

Since April of this year, Metrolinx started using posters on platforms and inside trains and buses as well as on social media, reminding riders to pay attention to their behaviour and avoid disturbing fellow passengers.

At the time, a survey had showed nearly 70 per cent were irked by people who put their feet up on the seats.

Results from a recent survey show as many as 85 per cent of respondents are aware of the campaign and nearly 40 per cent have noticed a decrease in inappropriate behaviours while transiting.

Those are encouraging numbers, said Metrolinx's spokesperson Anne Marie Aikins.

"Changing behaviours is a big deal. It doesn't happen overnight," she said.

> **Changing behaviours is a big deal.**
> Anne Marie Aikins

A 17-year-old TTC rider shot video on Sept. 28 of a driver eating potato chips with one wrist on the wheel and his foot on the dashboard while the bus was in motion. SNAPCHAT

Driver relaxes at the wheel

PUBLIC SAFETY

Worker caught eating with foot on dashboard while driving

A 10-second video shows a TTC driver with his left foot on the dashboard, right wrist on the steering wheel and eating from a bag of chips.

But is this a case of distracted driving?

The footage was shot by 17-year-old high-school student Gabriel Cordova, who said he was shocked by the driver's behaviour.

"Eglinton is under so much construction and rickety enough as it is," said Cordova, adding that he shot the footage on the 34A bus driving eastbound on Eglinton Avenue around Mount Pleasant Road at 5:40 p.m. on a recent evening.

TTC spokesperson Brad Ross said while bus drivers are permitted a snack or drink, the behaviour in the video doesn't qualify.

"This video does not demonstrate what the TTC considers appropriate," he said. "Eating in that fashion would not be something we could condone."

Lunch breaks for TTC operators "depend on the route, the time of day and if you're doing a split (shift)," he continued, which is why the TTC permits its employees to snack or drink when the vehicle is stopped.

More concerning to the TTC was the placement of the driver's foot. The left foot is used to signal, said Ross. "A foot up on the dash is not a safe position for operators."

TTC union president Bob Kinnear said his members are encouraged not to consume anything while in motion but they often work long hours without a break.

As for the foot on the dash, Kinnear said the only thing he could assume was that the driver had a leg cramp. "But again, that wouldn't be something we suggest or encourage," he added.

Ross said the TTC would try to determine the driver's identity and "deal with him appropriately."

Complaints with TTC operators are treated individually, with sanctions ranging from a warning to a potential suspension to outright dismissal.

Although the province's Distracted Driving laws are aimed at handheld devices, Ontario drivers can also be charged with Careless Driving, which carries penalties such as six demerit points, fines up to $2,000 and possible jail time.

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Toronto sign cleans up fine

No charges have been laid and there are no plans to investigate after the well known "Toronto" sign in Nathan Phillips Square was vandalized during Nuit Blanche.

Nuit Blanche and city staff worked to clean off the sign, which is now graffiti-free.

"I would say this was just kids," Mayor John Tory told media on Monday.

"I mean, most well-brought-up children shouldn't do things like that, but having said that, fortunately, they've got it all cleaned up."

Tory is hoping that "people will be more respectful of city property" and that the event ran "relatively orderly."

"Hopefully, those people will grow up a bit," he said.

As the city gears up for another rush of people heading to the square for the reopening of the Bird's Nest for the Blue Jays' first playoff game Tuesday evening, Tory believes the incident won't happen again.

"We got it cleaned up, and I trust (people will) show some respect and affection for something the people of Toronto really love," Tory continued.

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Nuit Blanche workers and security use nail-polish remover to lift graffiti off the sign at city hall. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE WILD-CARD GAME

It all comes down to this. The Toronto Blue Jays' roller-coaster season culminates in a do-or-die game against the Baltimore Orioles in Tuesday's wild-card game. Expectations are at an all-time high for local baseball fans following last year's run that fell just short of advancing to the World Series. It's a safe bet that everyone in the city will be tuning in to the big game, so here's what you need to know. GILBERT NGABO METRO

1 The scenario

The stakes couldn't be any higher. Both teams needed the final day of the season to clinch a playoff berth, and it's sure going to be a short post-season for one of them. The winner of Tuesday's game gets a ticket to face the Texas Rangers in a best-of-five series starting Thursday. Lose the game, and that's the end of the road.

2 Bye-bye Bautista

Jose Bautista's #BatFlip was arguably the best moment of last year's Jays playoff run, and the rumour mill hasn't stopped churning about the 36-year-old's fate once the season is over. Bautista is slated to be a free agent and speculation is rampant about a possible departure or even retirement. Could Tuesday be his last game as a Blue Jay? Let's not even go there.

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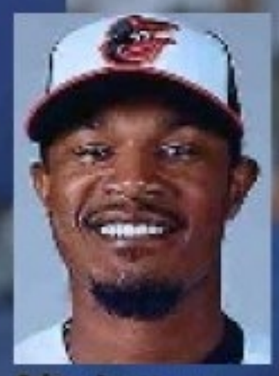
3 Tickets

The Blue Jays had the best fan attendance in the American League this year, so you can expect Rogers Centre will be packed to capacity Tuesday. However, as of Monday evening, StubHub still had tickets available starting at $90 in the 500 levels.

4 Where to watch

The first pitch will be thrown at 8 p.m. at Rogers Centre. Once again, Nathan Phillips Square will be temporarily transformed into the Bird's Nest, with the game showing on a giant screen outside City Hall. Sports bars across the city will have the game live as well.

Chris Davis. MLB



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5 Orioles to watch

Baseball is a collective game and it takes a team effort to get a win, but a few names are worth paying extra attention to. Jays fans can count on Chris Tillman to pitch, while Mark Trumbo, Chris Davis and Adam Jones are just some of the sluggers on a Baltimore team that led the league in home runs this season.

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Word artist to speak up

YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Poet gears up to represent city, issues at Parliament Hill

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

As a spoken word artist, Mustafa Ahmed has relied on his voice as an instrument of social change.

Now, he's headed to Parliament Hill to speak up for youth in Toronto.

The 20-year-old will represent the city on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's 15-member youth advisory council. Over 14,000 youth had applied to join the council, and the first appointees were announced last week.

> **These are exciting times to be a youth in Canada.**
> Mustafa Ahmed

For Ahmed, who grew up in Regent Park, it's an opportunity to advocate for young people's access to employment.

"It starts with our education systems," he said, noting kids in poorer families are less likely to succeed at school, which limits their chances of landing good jobs or becoming successful entrepreneurs.

With diversity being a central component of the country's social fabric, Ahmed believes Trudeau and the youth council will talk a lot about social justice.

"Toronto and other parts of the country still face issues of Islamophobia and racism," he said. "There's the ongoing problem with police relationship with the youth. Young people are facing mental-health challenges now probably more than ever before. There's a lot at stake."

The good thing, he said, is that all of those selected to be on the council had already been working with youth in their respective communities. Now, he says it's about shining a light on projects promoting youth empowerment and self-reliance.

"These are exciting times to be a youth in Canada," he said. "We've always wanted to be heard and represented, and I'm glad that Trudeau is making it a priority."

A second wave of applications to join the council will be accepted until Friday, and the prime minister will begin consultations with the full roster early next year.

ETOBICOKE

Councillor seeks out area's young voices

James Maloney wants to bring fresh ideas to the table in his Etobicoke constituency.

And, he's turning to fresh faces to make it happen.

The Liberal MP is recruiting young people ages 15 to 24 to join a new Constituency Youth Council, building on a call from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for young voices to be part of the country's decision-making process.

"I've been going around high schools and I find that teenagers and young adults are enthusiastic about their neighbourhood and its growth," said Maloney, a rookie MP.

It's not yet clear how many people will be on the new council, but Maloney said the goal is to put together a diverse group. Areas of focus include employment, LGBTQ issues and climate change, he said.

Youth councils aren't a new concept in politics, and those who've had the experience say young people want more engagement than simple consultations.

James Maloney and Kevin Vuong. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

"A lot of young people feel disenfranchised," said Kevin Vuong, former member of the Toronto Youth Cabinet and co-chair of Toronto Youth Equity Strategy. "We don't always see our feedback and recommendations incorporated into the policies."

It's commendable to offer youth a platform, but young people need to be assured that they're being heard, Vuong said.

Former police chief Bill Blair, for example, established a youth advisory committee, but Vuong says the meetings ended up being "essentially pizza parties."

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Mayor thrown a challenge

TRAFFIC

Pedestrian invites Tory to walk across intersection

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Forget about walking a mile in his shoes, Ev Delen just wants Mayor John Tory to walk 33 metres.

That's the distance across the intersection at University Avenue and Queen Street, which Delen has challenged the mayor to walk across the intersection without breaking the law.

Delen threw down the pedestrian gauntlet to the mayor via Twitter Monday, after Tory urged people not to cross the street once the crosswalk countdown has begun.

"It's legally impossible to cross it in a single phase," Delen told Metro, adding he usually only makes it to the pedestrian island in the middle before the flashing hand appears.

Tory's comments came as he was touting a police blitz aimed at easing congestion. Officers were out at busy intersections Monday, preventing cars from blocking crosswalks and pedestrians from crossing late.

Tory spokeswoman Keerthana Kamalavasan said the mayor crosses Queen and University "almost daily" and appreciates the challenges pedestrians face.

"The mayor is committed to making sure all those who use our roads — pedestrians, cyclists and drivers — are safe," she wrote in an email.

Under Ontario's Highway Traffic Act, pedestrians can finish crossing during the countdown but are not supposed to step out into traffic when the hand is flashing.

Delen called the law "ridiculous," noting New York City recently introduced a new bill that would allow pedestrians to cross during the countdown.

Toronto resident Ev Delen is challenging the Toronto mayor John Tory to cross the intersection of University Avenue and Queen Street without breaking the law. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

HOT SEAT

This summer, Mayor John Tory accepted commuter Bianca Spence's Twitter challenge to ride a Bloor-Danforth subway car without air conditioning. Spence issued the invitation to draw attention to the lack of AC on many Line 2 cars.

The 31-year-old public policy consultant understands the mayor did not create the law, but said "encourage(ing) enforcement is another thing altogether."

Delen said the mayor's comments are another example of pedestrians and cyclists coming second to drivers in Toronto.

"Respectfully, the mayor's priority is to speed up traffic, not to protect pedestrians," he said.

Const. Clint Stibbe of the Toronto Police Service said pedestrians stepping out during crosswalk countdowns were an issue at "every intersection" police were at during the second phase of their blitz.

CAMPAIGN

Cyclists get free lights

As the days get shorter, an annual campaign will be hitting Toronto's streets again Tuesday with one message in mind — cyclists, get lit.

Organized by cyclist-advocacy group Cycle Toronto, the Get Lit! campaign, which is sponsored by the city and Bike Law Canada, will see staff and volunteers hand out 1,500 lights total to cyclists every Tuesday in October.

Staff will be setting up stations around the downtown core, flagging down people biking without lights and educating them on the importance of being visible on the streets. Cyclists will get also free front and back lights as well as a copy of the Toronto Cyclists Handbook and education on the importance of staying visible while cycling at night.

"We want to encourage people to keep riding even as the light fades, but it's really important that everyone does their bit to stay safe," Cycle Toronto's executive director Jared Kolb said. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Students pushing peers into walking or biking to school

Ever since she started walking to school about a year ago, 13-year-old Jessica Mancini has found she arrives more alert and ready for classes.

"The air helps wake me up in the morning," she said.

Now, the Grade 8 student at St. Raphael Catholic School is helping lead a push to get her peers walking and biking to school.

Every day on the announcements, Mancini and fellow student Ryan Walsh remind kids of the benefits of walking, and they hand out stickers to students who walk or bike to school on the last Friday of every month, dubbed "walk to school day."

Phys-ed teacher Cristian Fazzini said the school, "smack in the middle of a suburban neighbourhood," is in a prime spot for active transportation.

"The kids love it," he said. "Parents not so much sometimes, certainly if they're in a rush."

The number of kids walking to school in Toronto has dropped 14 per cent over the last 30 years, according to a recent Metrolinx study.

Fazzini hopes his school can help reverse that trend.

"Hopefully this will lead to something," he said.

The **Health Action Team** at St. Raphael Catholic School, seen here **with teacher Christian Fazzini,** serve as walk and bike to school ambassadors for other students. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

So far it is. After a year and a half, Fazzini says he sees more children walking or biking to school and the team is conducting a survey to track the exact numbers.

In addition to the health benefits associated with active transportation, Fazzini said commuting is also a safety issue at the school.

A crush of parents dropping off kids in the morning and afternoon causes traffic that can get "pretty hairy at some points," he said.

The school was first approached with the idea by Green Communities Canada, an association of community organizations working on environmental issues.

Six other schools in Toronto are part of their Project Lifecycle program to encourage biking and walking to school, said facilitator Armi De Francia.

MAY WARREN/METRO

Autism school faces closure

EDUCATION

Ontario Tory leader critical of provincial funding cut

A Toronto private school offering nursery, kindergarten and specialized classes for children with autism might have to close because some of its provincial funding has been cut, according to the head of the school.

"We got our last cheque on Aug. 1 and we need money," said Janet MacDougall, executive director of Yes I Can! school.

The school got $300,000 over two years from the province, said ministry of education spokesperson Heather Irwin.

That funding, initially due to end in 2015, was extended through this past August. Along with the extension came an understanding that the school would come up with a plan to wean itself off the provincial subsidy. That plan, which the province had been asking for, never came, said Irwin.

In a press conference Monday, Ontario PC leader Patrick Brown ripped the province's move to stop funding the program as "shortsighted."

Yes I Can! offers specialized programs for children with autism, ranging kindergarten prep to improving social and communication skills. There are also classes for non-autistic children.

In Question Period Monday, Premier Kathleen Wynne said her government's intention was always for the school to get more money from the City of Toronto.

"We've been trying to get Yes I Can! into that relationship so that they could have that sustainable funding. I still hope that will happen," Wynne said.

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Lauren Andrade, 3.5, plays with her mom Nina Andrade at Yes I Can nursery school on Yonge Street on Monday.
CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BRAMPTON

'Monster house' order upsets neighbours

A dilapidated, partly constructed 6,600-square-foot Brampton monster home is still towering over houses a quarter its size after the city tried to have it torn down — and a new court order has apoplectic neighbours wondering why nothing has changed in four years.

"We heard it was 90 days that the homeowner now has to make the same decision he was asked to make years ago," said Peggy Ronayne, who has lived next door to the site for 39 years. She's referring to a decision issued Friday in the ongoing dispute between the property owner and the City of Brampton.

Ahmed Elbasiouni now has 90 days from the date of the order by Justice Kofi Barnes of the Ontario Superior Court to pick one of three options: demolish the structure; get approval from the committee of adjustment for necessary variances; or bring the building into compliance with the applicable zoning.

In its response, the City of Brampton said that if Elbasiouni doesn't pursue one of the three options within 90 days, the building permit will be revoked.

That would mean the city could then order the demolition of the structure.

Elbasiouni has maintained since his building permit was issued in 2012 that he has followed the technical specifications of his submitted drawings which were stamped, approved and signed by city building officials.

Council demanded staff produce a report explaining exactly how the permit was issued in error, but other than telling council a "technical discrepancy" was the reason, related to how zoning was mapped for certain properties, no report was provided to council.

Elbasiouni said he has tried with no success to find out how the city issued his permit in error.

He said he will comply with Friday's order and will go before the committee of adjustment, with some of the information he has obtained through the court case about the city's conduct.

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Neighbours of the 6,600-square-foot home want zoning issues cleared up soon. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COURTS

Judge cancels fines for homeless man

Gerry Williams was homeless in Toronto for a long time.

He received about 430 tickets over the years, issued by cops and transit officers for a litany of non-criminal offences, like getting drunk in a subway station, jaywalking across University Avenue, carrying open booze on the street, loitering, littering, trespassing and more.

The mountain of tickets also came with a price tag: More than $65,000 in fines. Then the Ontario Court of Justice gave him a boost.

In a ruling Monday afternoon, Justice Katrina Mulligan agreed to wipe out $65,000 in fines amassed against Williams during his years on the street.

The judge approved a Crown-defence deal to have Williams serve two years' probation and complete 156 hours of community service for a single conviction: "Soliciting in an aggressive manner," an offence for panhandling under the Mike Harris-era Safe Streets Act.

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Carbon plan gets mixed reception

CLIMATE CHANGE

Saskatchewan premier claims 'tax' will hurt the economy

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has given provinces two years to come up with a plan to price carbon pollution or risk having one imposed on them by Ottawa, a move that delighted environmentalists but has rankled some premiers.

Trudeau on Monday announced his government's plan to lay the framework for a national plan to price carbon by imposing a minimum price tag beginning in 2018.

Reaction to the proposal was swift — and mixed. Environmentalists cheered the move, saying it was one step towards meeting the commitment made by Canada and almost 200 other nations in Paris last December to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

But in Montreal, where provincial environment ministers were meeting with their federal counterpart, the ministers from Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan all left early to protest Ottawa's announcement.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall said the new "tax" will damage his province's economy.

"In the coming weeks, Saskatchewan will investigate all options to mitigate the impact of one of the largest national tax increase in Canadian history," Wall said.

Trudeau unveiled the federal move in the Commons in a speech that kicked off debate on a Liberal motion to support ratification of the Paris climate change accord.

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Yasmin Nakhuda with her monkeys Diva and Caesar in Pontypool, Ont. Activists blame a patchwork of outdated and inconsistent laws for the rise in exotic pets. FRED THORNHILL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rise in exotic pets a concern

As the sun sets over the sprawling property in rural Ontario, the farmhouse party gets into full swing. The host walks around chatting up the guests, two small monkeys perched on her shoulder. One is dressed in a collared jumpsuit, the other in a polka-dot dress.

Up the hill, a pair of burlesque dancers perform as guests snap photographs of other animals — two miniature donkeys, a wallaroo named Wall-E, a few alpacas groomed like best-in-show poodles, two tiny marmosets, two ferrets and a skittish black-and-white fox.

This is Yasmin Nakhuda's Xanadu where she presides over her menagerie at her home in Kawartha Lakes, where she moved in 2014 after losing her "son" Darwin — a Japanese macaque that escaped from her car and wandered into an Ikea store.

Images of the tiny monkey wearing a beige shearling coat triggered a social media frenzy and a legal battle that Nakhuda eventually lost to an animal sanctuary that Darwin now calls home.

Owning exotics — wild animals taken from their natural habitat or bred in captivity and not native to the country — is a growing trend in Canada, according to animal welfare activists, who blame a patchwork of outdated and inconsistent laws and bylaws. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONTREAL

Hijab keeps student out of exam

A Montreal junior college is trying to determine how to accommodate a student who was prevented from taking an exam because she wouldn't temporarily remove part of her hijab, a school spokeswoman said Monday.

The young woman was asked by her male biology teacher two weeks ago to pull back part of her headscarf so he could see wether she was wearing headphones, said Line Legare with College de Maisonneuve.

"She didn't want to show him her ears," Legare said, adding the student offered her teacher the possibility of touching her through the hijab to make sure she wasn't trying to cheat.

"That made the teacher uncomfortable."

He then told the student she couldn't take the exam that day.

Legare noted the teacher made it clear at the beginning of the school year he reserved the right to ensure students weren't wearing headphones before exams.

He said the teacher and the student are negotiating another date for her to write the exam.

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Sexual Assault on Campus: A Metro Special Focus — Day 2: A federal vacuum

Lost without leadership

Campus sexual assault is a national problem, but no one's pursuing a national solution. With no central accountability or oversight, the provinces and schools are on their own.

Rosemary Westwood
Metro | Toronto

One of the defining elements of the fight against campus sexual assault in Canada is what it lacks: a national strategy.

To some degree, this is by constitutional design. We have no federal education minister, no federal responsibility for post-secondary education. Politically speaking, it's not a national matter.

In this vacuum, the provinces are left to negotiate a new era of sexual-assault legislation.

In Ontario and B.C., new bills passed in the last year require every post-secondary institution to have a standalone sexual-assault policy (by January and May, respectively). An opposition MLA in Manitoba has put forward a similar bill, as has the Conservative opposition in Nova Scotia. Meanwhile, Nova Scotia's ruling Liberals signed a memorandum of understanding with universities this summer tying the development of sexual-assault policies to increased funding.

In Alberta, the minister of education has directed all schools to have standalone sexual-assault policies (expected to be in place by the spring). And in other provinces — at the University of Regina, University of Saskatchewan and Memorial University in Newfoundland — schools are shouldering the initiative themselves.

But while these efforts have been greeted with hope and some praise (most notably by politicians and university administrators), critics argue the legislation doesn't go far enough.

In each province, schools are given broad autonomy over what exactly the policies should look like — a significant vote of confidence in a sector roundly viewed as having failed on the issue for decades.

None of the new or proposed legislation establishes centralized responsibility for ensuring the policies operate as they should. That's striking, since institutional accountability has been at the heart of numerous complaints about university responses to sexual assault.

Dawn Moore, a Carleton professor and the lead investigator for a major research report on campus sexual assault released this summer, was among 20 colleagues who wrote to the university's president this spring, expressing concerns the school was "embarrassing" itself by not consulting from the beginning with academics whose research deals with sexual assault. Similar complaints were registered at other schools with experts in the field.

These patchwork efforts are not the only option.

Provincial education ministers do have a national body, the Council of Ministers of Education, that co-ordinates on "pan-Canadian education initiatives." In a meeting this summer, they talked about a range of issues including indigenous education and funding, but sexual assault appeared nowhere on the agenda.

Meanwhile, the minister for the status of women, Patty Hajdu, has been tasked with developing the Federal Strategy Against Gender-based Violence, which she told me will include campus violence. But Hajdu's staff took pains to reiterate that campus sexual assault is the jurisdiction of provinces, and Hajdu said her ministry's role could only be one of support.

"We're working very closely with the provinces, the territories, looking at how can we actually support the work that has been happening across the country and where are the gaps at a federal level that we can actually fill in," she said.

Hajdu said consultations with campus sexual-assault survivors brought up the example of the U.S., where there has been a far more aggressive national push to tackle the problem.

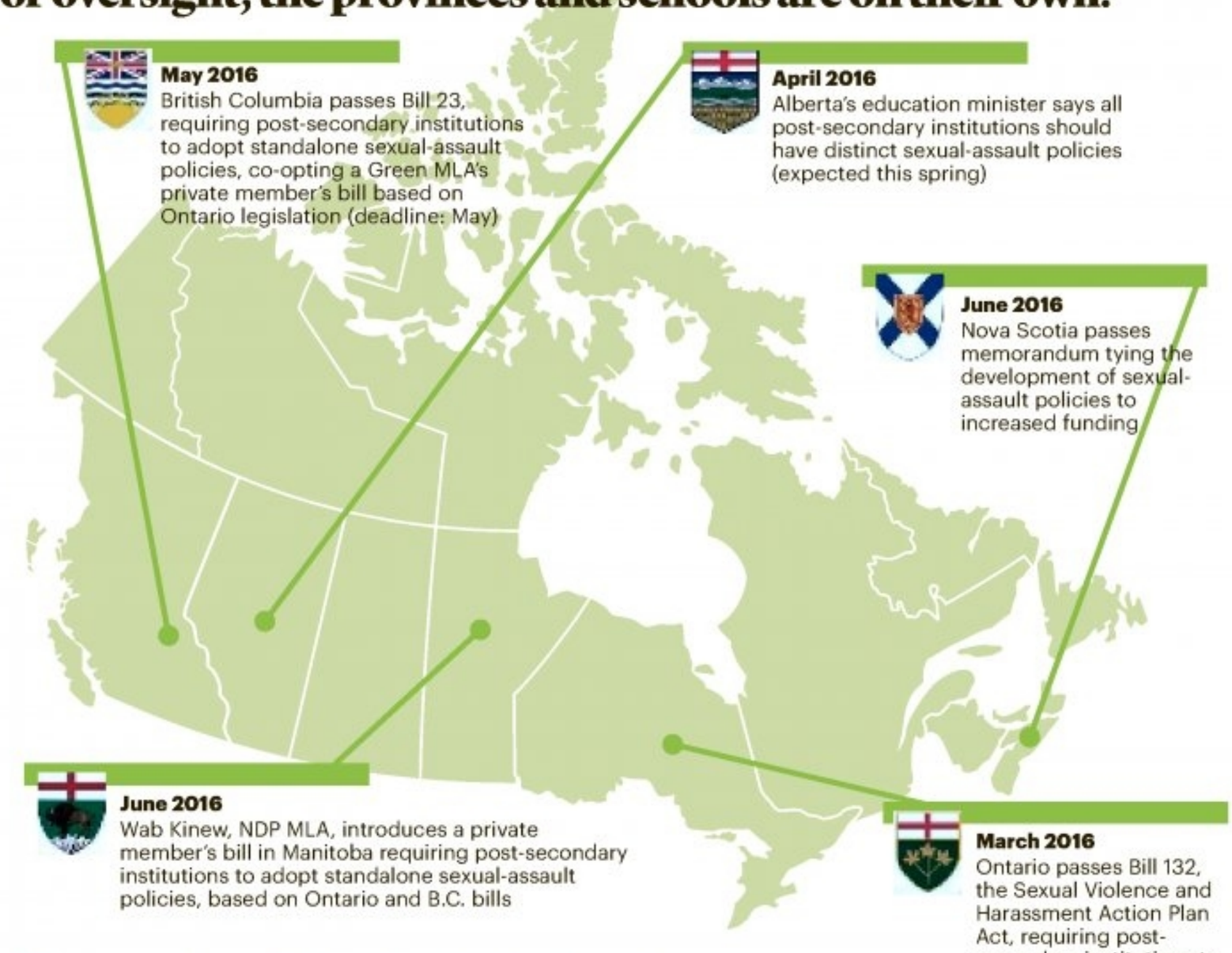
"There are a number of pieces of legislation and actions the president himself has taken and been very clear about. For example, making sure that campuses that he visits have strengthened policy and legislation around sexual violence and insisting that exists before he visits those campuses," Hajdu said.

President Barack Obama indeed makes a striking contrast to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on the subject. While one has made an end to campus violence a pillar of his administration and tasked Vice-President Joe Biden with the file, Metro found no evidence that Trudeau has spoken publicly about campus sexual violence since winning office.

Wab Kinew, Manitoba NDP MLA and a proponent of a bill to require sexual-assault policies on campuses in that province, suggests that a public statement from Trudeau could be a useful start.

"Potentially there's room for federal intervention, but before that it would be great to see the prime minister weigh in and say consent culture is important," he said.

Any federal strategy — like Hajdu's — will take time, he noted, but a statement like that could happen "right away."


May 2016
British Columbia passes Bill 23, requiring post-secondary institutions to adopt standalone sexual-assault policies, co-opting a Green MLA's private member's bill based on Ontario legislation (deadline: May)
April 2016
Alberta's education minister says all post-secondary institutions should have distinct sexual-assault policies (expected this spring)
June 2016
Nova Scotia passes memorandum tying the development of sexual-assault policies to increased funding
June 2016
Wab Kinew, NDP MLA, introduces a private member's bill in Manitoba requiring post-secondary institutions to adopt standalone sexual-assault policies, based on Ontario and B.C. bills
March 2016
Ontario passes Bill 132, the Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Act, requiring post-secondary institutions to adopt standalone sexual-assault policies (deadline: January)

The provinces' latest efforts have been a patchwork of legislation and directives in the absence of a co-ordinated national strategy

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DOING 'SOMETHING,' FIXING NOTHING

Glynnis Kirchmeier is one of three women who've filed human-rights complaints against Canadian universities over the past year.

As part of her complaint against the University of British Columbia, Kirchmeier is asking the school to hire an independent person tasked with evaluating and overseeing its sexual-assault responses.

"I wouldn't have voted for it," Kirchmeier said of B.C.'s campus sexual-assault bill, which she criticized as toothless and vague.

"Why waste your time on legislation that is not very good? That's not to say I don't understand legislation has compromises, but this was so far from anything worth doing. I'm worried that people will say: 'That's that. We did something.'"

Hurricane wreaks havoc

WEATHER

Matthew claims at least four lives

Heavy rains from the outer bands of Hurricane Matthew drenched Jamaica and Haiti on Monday, flooding streets and sending many people to emergency shelters as the Category 4 storm approached the two countries. Two deaths were reported in Haiti, bringing the total for the storm to at least four.

Matthew had sustained winds of 220 kph as it moved north, up from 210 kph earlier in the day. The centre was expected to pass just east of Jamaica and near or over the southwestern tip of Haiti early Tuesday before heading to eastern Cuba, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

"We are looking at a dangerous hurricane that is heading into the vicinity of western Haiti and eastern Cuba," said Richard Pasch, a senior hurricane specialist with the centre. "People who are impacted by things like flooding and mudslides hopefully would get out and relocate because that's where we have seen loss of life in the past."

Many were taking that advice. In Jamaica, more than 700 people packed shelters in the eastern parish of St. Thomas and the Salvation Army said there were about 200 people at its shelters in Kingston.

Still, many people chose to stick it out. Local Government Minister Desmond McKenzie said all but four residents of the Port Royal area near the Kingston airport refused to board buses and evacuate.

In Haiti, authorities went door to door in the south coast cities of Les Cayes and Jeremie to make sure people were aware of the storm. At least 1,200 people were evacuated to shelters in churches and schools.

"We are continuing to mobilize teams in the south to move people away from dangerous areas," said Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, head of Haiti's civil protection agency.

At least two fishermen died in rough water churned up by the storm, Jean-Baptiste said.

Their deaths brought the total for the storm to at least four. One man died Friday in Colombia and a 16-year-old in St. Vincent and the Grenadines on Sept. 28 when the system passed through the eastern Caribbean.

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Residents of the Cuban community of Cecilia, in Guantanamo Province, are evacuated as Hurricane Matthew wreaks havoc through the Caribbean as the most menacing storm in nearly a decade. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Turkey-backed Syrian rebels lose 15 in battles with Daesh

Fighting in northern Syria between Turkey-backed Syrian rebels and Daesh militants killed at least 15 rebels as the opposition pressed toward a town of symbolic importance for the extremists, an activist group and Turkish officials said Monday. The Syrian government continued to strike besieged, rebel-held parts of Aleppo, hitting the area's largest hospital, according to activists.

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Boy shot at South Carolina school to have superhero funeral

The family of a six-year-old boy shot at a South Carolina elementary school says a superhero funeral is planned for Jacob Hall, a week after he was shot along with a classmate and a teacher as his first-grade class left for recess.

Family members say that pallbearers will dress as superheroes and people attending are encouraged to wear costumes.

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AFRICA

Unrest continues in Ethiopia as death toll rises from stampede

Men wash the face of a woman after police used tear gas during the Oromo new year holiday on Sunday. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Violence flared again Monday in Ethiopia's restive Oromia region, where dozens of people were killed a day earlier in a stampede when police tried to disrupt an anti-government protest amid a massive religious festival.

The state broadcaster Monday raised the death toll to 55 from the earlier official count of 52. Its report cited a hospital official in the town where the stampede occurred, and it said three people remained hospitalized with serious injuries.

After the stampede, clashes between security forces and protesters erupted Sunday evening and continued Monday morning in the towns of Bishoftu and Ambo, an Ethiopian government official and witnesses said.

> **Today's protesters were peaceful but dispersed by police violently.**
> Nimona Negash

The annual Irrecha thanksgiving festival had drawn huge crowds, and the stampede occurred as people ran to escape police firing tear gas and rubber bullets and shooting live rounds into the air after anti-government protesters approached the stage where religious leaders were speaking.

People were crushed to death. A witness said some of those killed were still being recovered from ditches where they fell while trying to flee.

There also were reports of arrests.

"Some people tried to come out en masse this morning to protest the deaths of holiday-goers on Sunday and also demand the release of people arrested during the celebrations," said Nimona Negash, a driver of a small motorized taxi.

"Today's protesters were peaceful but dispersed by police violently. I'm not aware of any deaths this morning, but it was violent. But I'm aware of live bullets used this morning in other vicinities of this town."

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Finance Minister Bill Morneau announces measures intended to stabilize the real estate sector amid concerns that pockets of risk have emerged in some housing markets, particularly those in Toronto and Vancouver. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANDIAN PRESS

Measures unveiled to cut housing risk

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Changes close principal residence tax loophole

Ottawa has announced a number of measures aimed at curbing risk in the country's housing markets, including closing a tax loophole and tightening mortgage insurance rules to prevent borrowers from taking on too much debt.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau said Monday that the government will make changes related to the principal residence tax exemption.

The exemption allows homeowners to avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of a home as long they were living in it. That exemption will now be available only to Canadian residents, Morneau said, and families will only be allowed to designate one home as their primary residence.

The federal government will also beef up rules surrounding stress tests for insured mortgages to make sure that borrowers don't take on more debt than they can handle if interest rates go up or their income drops.

"Low interest rates have gradually changed the way both lenders and borrowers view debt and indebtedness in this country," Morneau said during a news conference.

"As these attitudes and behaviours have changed, some households began carrying high debt loads and pockets of risk have begun to emerge."

Starting Oct. 17, all insured mortgages will have to undergo a stress test to determine if the borrower will still be able to make his or her mortgage payments if interest rates rise.

Previously, these stress tests weren't required for fixed-rate mortgages longer than five years.

Another policy change coming into effect on Nov. 30 will require mortgage loans that the banks insure with portfolio insurance to meet eligibility criteria that previously only applied to highly leveraged insured mortgages.

The changes come as concerns mount that housing costs in Toronto and Vancouver have become increasingly unaffordable for many Canadians while foreign investors purchase homes and turn them around for a quick profit.

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IN BRIEF

Facebook launching 'marketplace' section

Facebook says some 450 million people use its site — mainly the "Groups" feature — to buy and sell stuff locally, anything from cars to baby clothes to furniture. Now, it is launching a separate "marketplace" section that seeks to make it easier to do this. The last time Facebook tried its hand at such a marketplace was nine years ago.

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Aritzia fashion business shares soar on TSX

Aritzia Inc. shares began trading for the first time Monday, well above the price set in the run-up to the Canadian fashion retailer's initial public offering. One-vote subordinate Aritzia shares were about 13 per cent above the IPO price of $16 after about 90 minutes of trading. At Monday's close, they were up $1.71 to $17.71.

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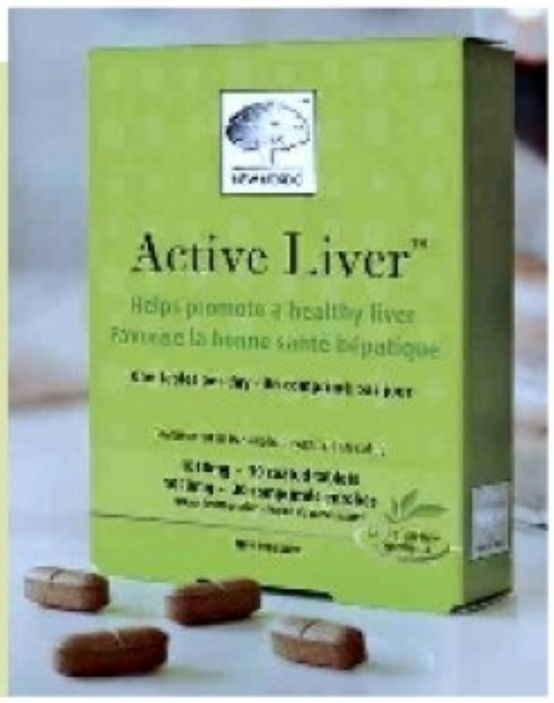

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EMMA TEITEL ON THE ULTIMATE CIVIC HOLIDAY

More than 20 per cent of Canadians who said they didn't vote in 2011 abstained because they were 'too busy.'

When I was in high school, running for student council, it was pretty easy to "get out the vote" on election day.

All you had to do was plug in the school's popcorn machine beside the ballot boxes and wait for the smell of hot imitation butter to reel your constituency in to the polls. A word of advice to any politician trying to increase youth-voter turnout: the key to your success is not in lofty promises of progressive change. It's in free food. And equally important: easy access to that food.

Of course I am being facetious, but there is a kernel of truth (sorry) in the popcorn anecdote. People, no matter their political affiliation, are more likely to vote when voting is made easy.

This is why nearly 300 tech employers in the United States announced this month that they will allow their staff to take off a full day's work on November 8, as a paid company holiday, to vote in the U.S. election.

Some of the tech firms who have agreed to make this accommodation include Spotify, About.com, the Wikimedia Foundation and the political data firm, ShareProgress.

Why are they doing this?

The founder of ShareProgress, Jim Pugh, told the Washington Post that the participating companies hope the new policy raises voter turnout in the United States. "The more we can have this be a norm within the corporate space, the more it's going to push good civic corporate behaviour," Pugh told the Post.

I would take this idea one step further and argue that the more we implement this kind of policy everywhere — not merely in the United States or in the corporate world but here in Canada — voter turnout will increase dramatically.

It's true that the 2015 Canadian federal election saw the highest voter turnout in more than 20 years, but why shouldn't we aim even higher next time around? In fact, to hell with employers, why not turn the federal election into a national civic holiday?

Critics of this idea often argue that a national voting holiday wouldn't achieve much because apathy is the main reason people avoid the polls — not a lack of time. And they do have a point.

According to Statistics Canada data from 2011, the No. 1 reason Canadians didn't vote in the federal election that year was because they were "not interested" in doing so.

But guess what No. 2 was?

No time.

According to the same study, 22 per cent of Canadians who said they didn't vote in the 2011 election abstained because they were "too busy." That strikes me as a big number and a big problem.

But it's not a big surprise.

It may be hard for some of the nation's more politically informed and invested people to accept, but there are a lot of good citizens out there whose decision to avoid the polls has little to do with the strength of the candidates on the ballot and everything to do with strictly practical forces such as the weather and traffic.

If you are given a narrow window in which to cast your ballot during your work day, and you have a handful of tasks to complete before you pick your kids up from school in the afternoon, voting becomes a luxury. I am not making this up: I know several people whose decision to vote is based on nothing more than how busy they are the very day of the election. But they wouldn't dare admit this, for fear they'd be labelled stupid, apathetic and irresponsible.

But they aren't stupid, apathetic and irresponsible. They're just busy. And being busy is not a crime.

Sure, the self-righteous argument that they should know better because they live in the glorious and free utopia of Canada and "how dare they take their voting rights for granted" may hold some truth. But does this disapproving, shaming position do anything at all to increase turnout? No. It just makes people feel bad.

So let's do something that makes people feel good. Let's turn Election Day into a national civic holiday.

Just think about it: If you get the day off to vote, you can make an occasion out of it. You can go for lunch. You can see a movie. You can pick up your dry cleaning. And most importantly, you can take an extra few minutes or even an hour to think hard about who you'd like to vote for.

After all, what's the use of observing Canada Day, a national holiday marking the moment our democracy came into being, if we don't also grant our citizens ample time to participate in its continued existence?

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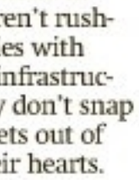

Matt Elliott

A reminder to Mayor John Tory and other members of Toronto city council: The private sector is not magic.

Saying that might seem unnecessary. Outside of October baseball games, magic is not real. Everyone knows that.

But lately there have been increased levels of magical thinking about the private sector at city hall, and it's starting to make me nervous.

First, consider Tory's push to sell parts of Toronto Hydro.

The mayor has argued that "unlocking the value" of the city-owned energy utility might be necessary to fix the city's aging power infrastructure. He's warned that without an injection of money, city hall will need to raise property taxes to pay for grid upgrades.

It's a weird argument. Investors, as a rule, aren't rushing to buy companies with massive unfunded infrastructure liabilities. They don't snap up government assets out of the goodness of their hearts.

They want returns.

The notion that Hydro can't afford to pay for infrastructure needs is complicated by the fact that the agency has paid the city more than $250 million in dividends since 2010.

Why wasn't that cash used to finance grid upgrades? Is Toronto going to sacrifice dividend potential for infrastructure fixes?

Meanwhile, over at the TTC, some more magic. Last week's meeting of the TTC board saw commissioners consider a report on "microtransit."

The report wasn't about awesome model railroads, but instead about the TTC joining the private sector to provide some kind of alternative service in hard-to-serve areas.

There are a growing number of examples of microtransit around the world. Everything from dollar vans in New York City to ridesharing options offered through Uber.

On its own, the idea is mostly inoffensive. There may well be a role for more private involvement in spaces where the TTC can't justify running a full-service bus route.

Where things get ridiculous is when microtransit is held up as capable of disrupting the traditional government-funded model of public transit.

Again, the reason comes down to profits. In North America, transit is not a money-making venture. It's heavily subsidized. Private companies might be willing to take small parts of the transit market — the part where riders can afford to pay higher fares, for example — but they're never going to insert themselves in the part of transit delivery that costs money.

Without profits to be had, they're not going to show up.

And there's nothing wrong with that. Scolding the private sector for seeking profits is like scolding a raccoon for seeking your green bin. But keeping that motivation in mind is critical. The private sector will always prioritize profits over people. Government is supposed to do the opposite.

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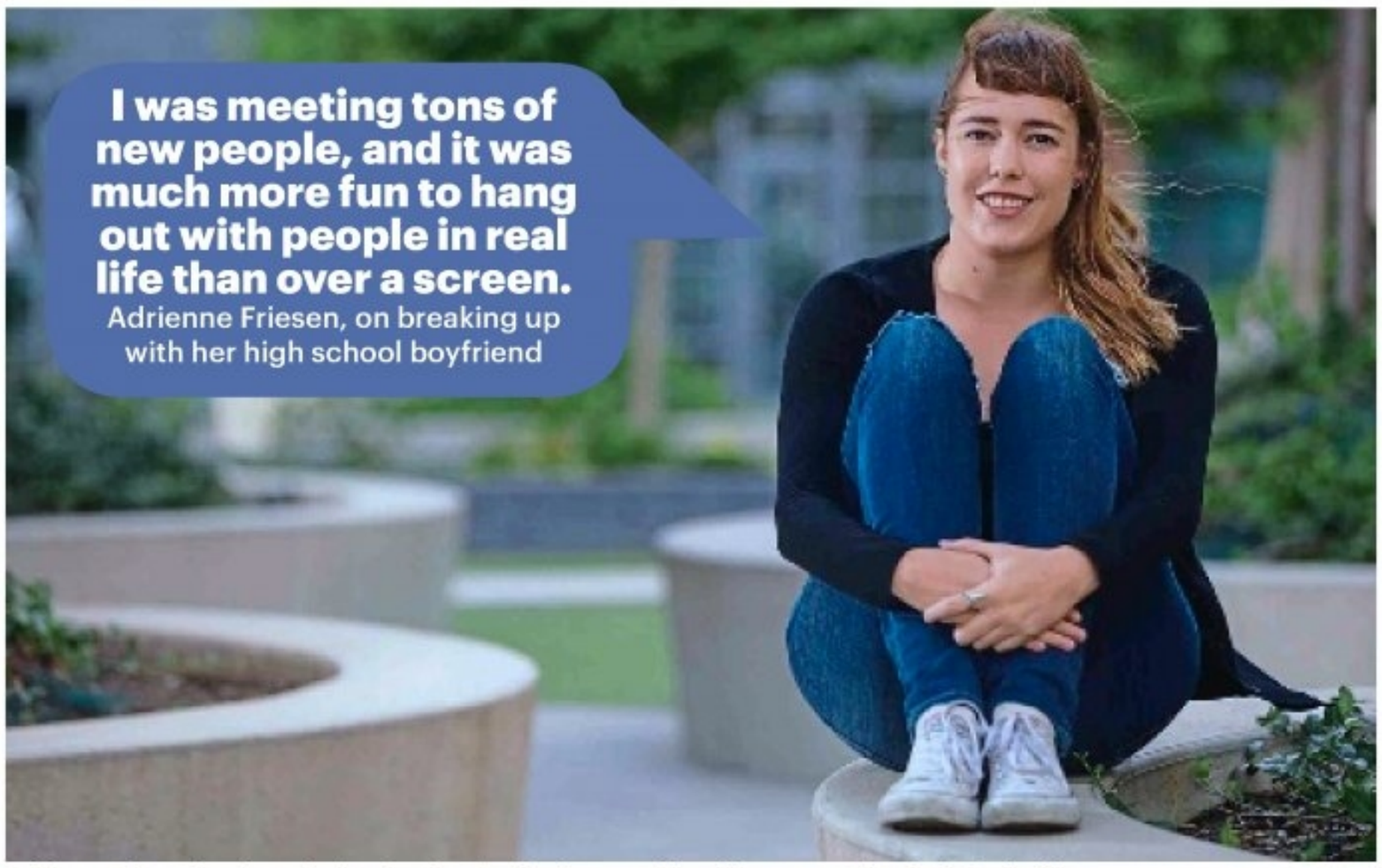
I was meeting tons of new people, and it was much more fun to hang out with people in real life than over a screen.
Adrienne Friesen, on breaking up with her high school boyfriend

Adrienne Friesen has done the "turkey drop," going home and breaking up over Thanksgiving holiday. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The first week of September, I overheard a conversation between some international students on U of T campus. They had all just met that day and were sharing basic information about themselves, sweetly and tentatively building new friendships.

"My boyfriend still lives in Korea," offered one of the fresh-faced freshmen. "We know it will be difficult, but we're going to stay together."

Oh, honey.

Maintaining a long-distance relationship over four years isn't impossible. But it is highly implausible, especially when you're a teenager and are still figuring out who you are.

In my university experience, the students who arrived romantically attached to someone from their hometown were single again after Thanksgiving long weekend.

Known widely as "the Turkey Drop" or "Dumpsgiving," it's the phenomenon of first-year university and college students, immersed in their new academic and social lives, ending things with their high school sweethearts the very next time they see them — usually Thanksgiving weekend. When the end of a relationship is dealt with in unhealthy ways, it can impede student success for a semester — or even threaten the entire school year.

> **Pursuing new social activities (reminds students) that they are more than just someone's ex-partner and they may even find a new romantic opportunity in the process.** Dr. Jesmen Mendoza

Digital media specialist Adrienne Friesen, 25, is an admitted turkey dumper. When she moved to Toronto for school, she and her high school boyfriend tried to make it work. Unfortunately, the relationship lasted about as long as a slice of pumpkin pie set in front of Uncle Bill.

"I immediately fell in love with Toronto and realized that I would be staying here long-term, even beyond university," says Friesen.

And by the time U.S. Thanksgiving rolled around, Friesen says it was no longer appealing to schedule Skype calls or phone calls with her boyfriend since her time was filled with her commerce program and being on the varsity swim team.

"I was meeting tons of new people and it was much more fun to hang out with people in real life than over a screen," Friesen says.

While Friesen says her breakup was a healthy and necessary one, that's not always the case, and many students may find themselves having difficulties healing and moving on.

Dr. Jesmen Mendoza, a psychologist at Ryerson University's Centre for Student Development and Counselling, encourages students dealing with a painful breakup over Thanksgiving or at any other time of the year to get in touch with their school's counselling services and take up fulfilling activities.

"Pursuing new social activities (reminds students) that they are more than just someone's ex-partner and they may even find a new romantic opportunity in the process," Dr. Mendoza says. "Those reluctant to pursue counselling may think that they may be judged or shamed, but professional counsellors are invested in helping students becoming hopeful about their future and hopeful about having a successful intimate relationship."

Experts say that consistent exercise, a balanced diet and getting enough sleep can also help ease the physical and emotional symptoms of a breakup. But keeping busy is definitely key.

"Focus on what makes you you, which for me included refocusing on my studies, taking up a new class, getting a part-time job and getting back in touch with friends," says Friesen.

"It's important to get out and about. Even if it's just going to a café to work or study instead of staying home, it helps to be around people. Having a good friend-support system is also helpful."

And don't forget the silver lining to dumping or being dumped on Thanksgiving weekend: there has never been a more appropriate time to eat your feelings.

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Lung cancer: Not just a smoker's disease

DIAGNOSIS

Advocate wants to nix stigma, urges others to get screened

In her late 30s, Jessica Steinberg led a healthy life. A busy mother of two, she taught fitness classes, from step aerobics to boot camp, and was training for a marathon.

But when a rib injury sent her into the hospital for a chest X-ray in 2011, Steinberg learned she had lung cancer. At first, her doctors thought it was a localized tumour, but they later discovered the cancer was invasive and aggressive — and had spread throughout her body, into her lymph nodes, her bones and her brain.

It was a shocking diagnosis for a woman with no risk factors. "I was never a smoker. No radon in my home. No exposure to chemicals. No family history. It was really out of nowhere," Steinberg, now 44, says.

Steinberg, a Canadian-American citizen now living in Oregon, is among those raising awareness of the smoking-related stigma surrounding lung cancer — and how the disease can hit anyone, even people who've never lit a cigarette in their life. "It's not just a smoker's disease. There's a changing face of lung cancer," she says, during a recent interview in Toronto.

The disease kills more than 20,000 Canadians every year — more than breast, prostate and colon cancer combined — and accounts for 25 per cent of the country's cancer deaths, according to Lung Cancer Canada. Both men and women are at risk, with an estimated 13,600 new male cases and 13,000 new female cases of the disease for 2015, the Canadian Cancer Society notes.

And they're not all smokers. More than 85 per cent of lung cancer cases in Canada are related to smoking tobacco, according to CCS data, but that leaves 15 per cent of cases that aren't.

"The majority of patients I see (with a lung cancer diagnosis) have either stopped smoking, or never smoked," says medical oncologist Dr. Parneet Cheema, a specialist in thoracic cancers at Sunnybrook Odette Cancer Centre.

Even so, smoking-related stigma is something Cheema and Steinberg both see regularly.

"Do you ever ask a prostate cancer patient — 'Did you get enough fibre?'" questions Steinberg.

"People don't do that. They don't link other cancers to behaviours."

Smokers and non-smokers alike need to keep an eye on concerning symptoms, Cheema notes, particularly given lung cancer's aggressive nature and typically poor prognosis. Those symptoms could include a lingering cough, coughing up blood, chest pain, hoarseness, fatigue and shortness of breath.

For Steinberg, it's been more than five years since her cancer diagnosis. She's gone through surgery, chemotherapy, chest and brain radiation and eventually learned she has a specific gene mutation driving her cancer.

Steinberg calls the finding a "game-changer," and she's now participating in an oral chemotherapy clinical trial that's helping her lead a full life despite her Stage 4 advanced metastatic cancer. Her goal is to live long enough to see her boys, aged 14 and 11, have her grandkids.

She's also trying to make the most of her diagnosis by opening people's eyes to the realities of the disease.

"Anyone can get lung cancer," she says. "If you have lungs, you can get lung cancer."

Jessica Steinberg learned she had lung cancer when a rib injury sent her into the hospital for an X-ray in 2011. It was a shocking diagnosis for a woman with no risk factors. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

BY THE NUMBERS

20,000

The number of Canadians killed by lung cancer every year.

17%

The five-year survival rate for lung cancer.

25%

Lung cancer accounts for 25 per cent of all cancer deaths in Canada.

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Kim Kardashian shaken but unharmed in robbery

INVESTIGATION

Five assailants stole $10M in jewellery at gunpoint

Armed robbers forced their way into a private Paris residence where Kim Kardashian West was staying, tied her up and locked her in a bathroom before making off with more than $10 million worth of jewelry, police officials said Monday.

A spokeswoman for Kardashian West said the reality TV star, who was in Paris attending fashion week shows, was badly shaken but physically unharmed.

She left Paris Monday morning a few hours after the incident, and flew to Teteboro Airport in New Jersey. From there she travelled in a motorcade to her apartment building in downtown Manhattan, where there was a heavy security presence.

Friends of Kardashian West consoled the reality TV star in New York City following her ordeal.

LaLa Anthony, wife of basketball player Carmelo Anthony arrived Monday afternoon, as did family friends Jonathan Cheban and Simon Huck, who are often featured on Keeping Up With the Kardashians.

Kris Jenner indicated her daughter was doing OK, giving a "thumbs up" signal when a reporter asked how Kardashian West was faring. Video cameras lined barricades outside the building, capturing security guards milling about.

Paris police are hunting for five suspected assailants after the incident, which has raised new concerns about security in the French capital after a string of deadly extremist attacks.

Armed robbers forced their way into a private Paris residence where Kim Kardashian West was staying, and stole more than $10 million worth of jewelry, police officials said.
AP PHOTO/LIONEL CIRONNEAU, FILE

The thieves entered the 19th-century luxury residence in Paris' chic eighth district after the concierge let them in around 2:30 a.m. local time, according to two police officials. Handcuffed and at gunpoint, the concierge led them to the starlet's flat.

The robbers tied up Kardashian West and locked her in the bathroom before escaping on bikes, the officials said. They were not authorized to be publicly named speaking about ongoing investigations.

The officials said the five stole a jewelry box containing valuables worth 6 million euros ($6.7 million) as well as a ring worth 4 million euros ($4.5 million). In a message to The Associated Press, the Paris prosecutor's office said that only two of the five suspects forced their way into the apartment.

Kardashian's stylist was also in the residence at the time, and alerted police, but Kardashian's bodyguard was not present according to the prosecutor's office.

It's unclear whether the couple's two children, 3-year-old daughter North and 10-month-old son Saint, were with Kardashian West when the robbery happened, or if they were with her at all on her trip to France.

Police said the actress' family was placed under police protection at the George V hotel after the incident. Her sister Kendall Jenner appeared with Kardashian at Paris fashion shows in recent days and often appears on the catwalk herself.

Kardashian's husband, Kanye West, abruptly ended his performance at the Meadows Music and Arts Festival in New York on Sunday night.

"I'm sorry, family emergency, I have to stop the show," West told the audience.

Kardashian West has the habit of showing her jewels and whereabouts in her social media, including in recent days when she posted pictures of her attending fashion week shows. A few days ago, she also flashed a big ring on Twitter and Instagram

Kardashian West was ambushed last week by a serial celebrity assaulter who attempted to grab her as she was entering a restaurant. She was also attacked outside of a Paris fashion week show in 2014. She wasn't hurt in either incident.
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

McKinnon's Clinton is the one to watch

THE SHOW: Saturday Night Live, Oct. 1, 2016
THE MOMENT: The Clinton-Trump debate

Hillary Clinton (Kate McKinnon) squares off against Donald Trump (Alec Baldwin) on the debate stage.

"He spent his life cheating labourers," Clinton says. "Labourers like my own human father, who made drapes or sold drapes, something with drapes, and he was relatable and I am also relatable."

Later, in her closing statement, she says, "Listen, America, I get it: you hate me. You hate my voice and you hate my face. Well, here's a tip: if you never want to see my face again, elect me president, and I will lock myself in the Oval Office and not come out for four years. But if you don't elect me, I will continue to run for president until the day I die."

Rejoicing abounded when SNL announced that Baldwin will play Trump until the election and rightly so: the actor perfectly captures the candidate's jutting lips, bullying cadences and the way he plays to his countrymen's worst instincts. (When I interviewed him this past spring, he called Trump "America's bile duct.")

As great as Baldwin is, though, I don't need a Trump parody. Trump takes care of that himself. McKinnon's performance is more relevant.

By pointing out both Clinton's awkwardness ("my human father"), and the inherent sexism she faces from men and women ("you hate my face"), McKinnon gives us valuable insight into why America can't warm to Clinton. Her impression goes beyond mockery to get to uncomfortable truths.

In this election (and its SNL funhouse mirror), he's getting all the ink. But the story is her.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Alec Baldwin, left, as Donald Trump, and Kate McKinnon, as Hillary Clinton perform during the "Debate Cold Open" sketch on Saturday Night Live. WILL HEATH/NBC VIA AP

GOSSIP BRIEFS LOHAN LOSES PART OF FINGER; TRAILER PARK BOYS AN ACQUIRED TASTE

Lohan says she lost part of her finger in boat accident

Lindsay Lohan says she had surgery to reattach part of her finger following a boating accident.

The actress posted a video of her hand with a bandaged ring finger Sunday on Snapchat. She says on the video, "This is the result of me trying to anchor the boat by myself," adding, "My poor finger!"

Lohan explained in a caption on the video that she lost half her finger during the accident. She says the detached piece was found and she had surgery "to fix it."

The 30-year-old later poked fun at herself on Instagram by posting a picture with the caption, "One handed selfie."
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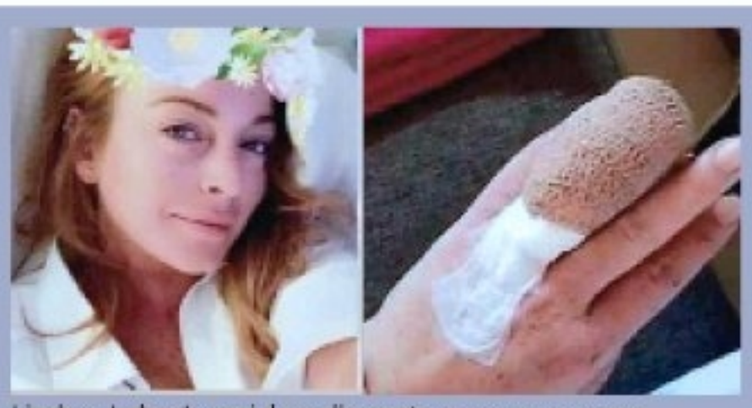

Lindsay Lohan's social media posts SNAPCHAT/INSTAGRAM

Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky recipes possibly 'dangerous'

The Ontario government will be looking into advertising of a Trailer Park Boys-inspired whisky set to go on sale in the province this month.

Liquormen's Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky is set to be sold at Liquor Control Board of Ontario outlets and is to be launched Thursday at a Toronto event.

Drink recipes on the website for the whisky — from Nova Scotia-based Dartmouth Spirits Inc. — include a couple recommending mixing drinking with marijuana and hashish use.

One drink — dubbed the Zesty Mordant — suggests rolling up "a six paper joint," grabbing a bag of chips, and a glass of Liquormen's.

Liquormen's Ol' Dirty Canadian Whisky will be available in the LCBO on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATHAN DENETTE/FILE

Premier Kathleen Wynne says that sounds "dangerous in a lot of ways," telling a news conference that the government "will look into it." THE CANADIAN PRESS

metro SPORTS

The wild card San Francisco Giants have a chance to add to their even-numbered year success, having won the World Series in 2010, '12 and '14

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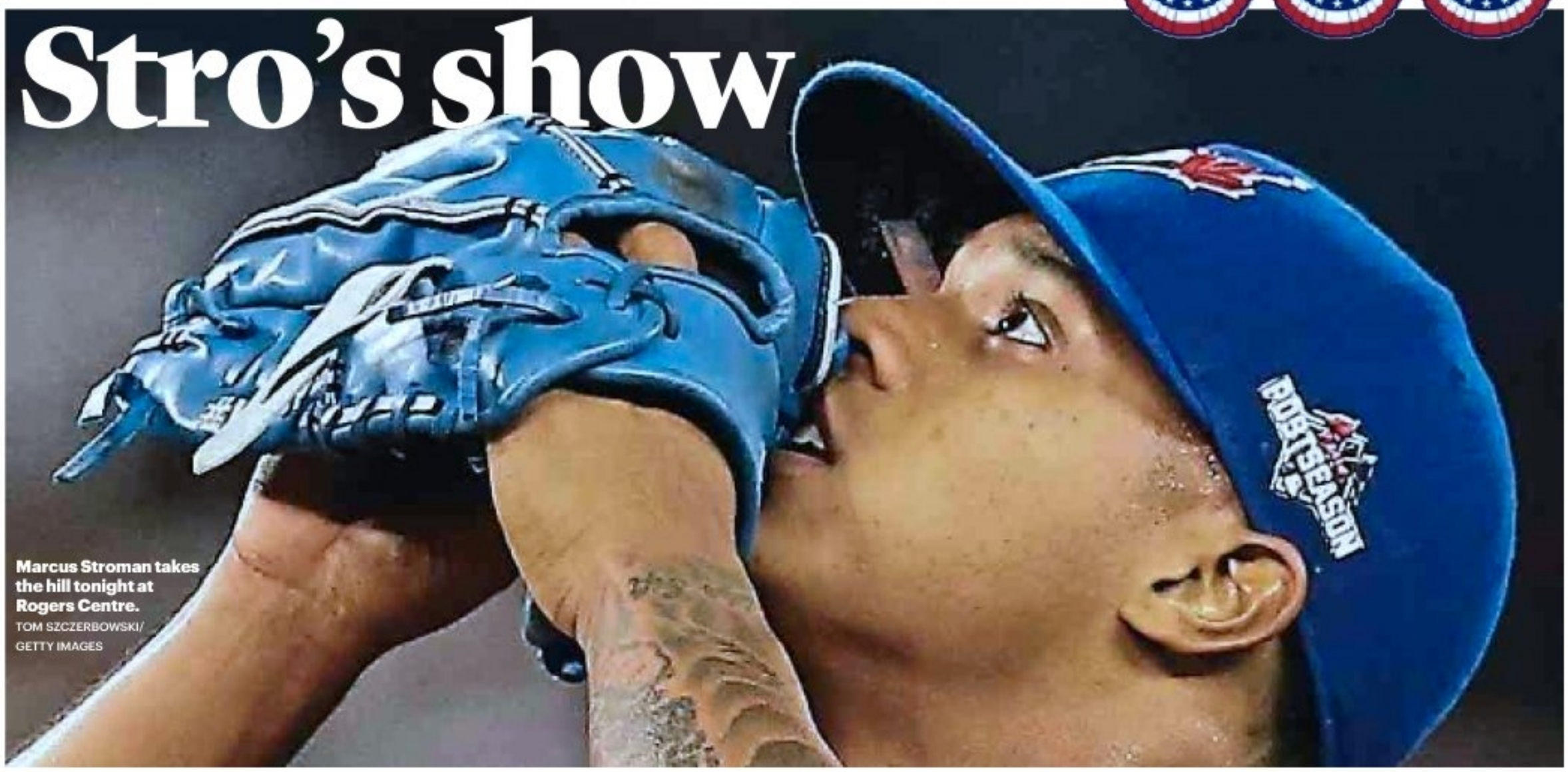

Marcus Stroman takes the hill tonight at Rogers Centre.
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AL WILD-CARD GAME

Wobbly Jays have chance to start anew in post-season

Bruce Arthur

One more game. That's all you can ask for, in the good times. In the bad times, one more game is just a chance to buy the popcorn and see your favourite players and feel the rhythm of the games, if you're a fan; to burnish or otherwise add to statistics while getting paid, if you are a player; to evaluate, if you are the general manager; to sell advertising and tickets and merchandise, if you are the owner.

In the good times, it's all that too, sure, but it's something else.

The Toronto Blue Jays have not marched into the playoffs as a conquering army this time. They have scraped in, sparks flying from the bullpen, the hitters ragged and stumbling.

But they got in, and they get to play one more, at home, against the Baltimore Orioles. The first thing you notice is the starting pitchers. Marcus Stroman for the Jays, despite the way the Orioles batted him around this year for a 7.04 ERA in four starts, and despite the fact that Baltimore can't hit left-handers like, say, Francisco Liriano. Chris Tillman for the O's, despite the recent white-hot streak from Ubaldo Jimenez.

The Jays had to burn their best two starters to get here so it's Stroman, who has been searching for himself this year, or at least for the pitcher he believes he is. Maybe he finds it again Tuesday.

The leash better be short, though, because right now there is only Tuesday. You can imagine a path if you like — a rematch against Texas, having to try to solve Cole Hamels again, seeing the kaleidoscope of Yu Darvish, finding a flammable Rangers bullpen that is just begging to be bat-flipped again. An ensuing best-of-seven against either Cleveland or Boston, whichever, and neither is a superteam. You can imagine a path to the World Series for the Jays, if you really try.

It's not easy, though, because they will have to be something other than what they have become to get there. The bats have been so dispiriting, and the relievers so vulnerable, and the little mistakes so common, and this season so reliant on starting pitching. In their 13 wins in the last month and two days of the season, the Jays allowed three, two, two, two, zero, two, two, zero, zero, three, one, three and one runs. If starting pitching was a reliable way to win the World Series, then over the years Detroit, or Washington, or the Dodgers, or the Mets would have been happier than they were.

3.63

Orioles starter Chris Tillman had a 3.63 ERA in 22 innings over four starts against the Jays in 2016.

And while this Jays team appears to be missing on big swings, a shadow of last year's juggernaut, they're not dead.

And it might take just one game to start.

And that is the beginning of the path that you can imagine. If they can outpitch the Orioles and catch some mistake pitches before Baltimore trots out its murderous bullpen, then they can win. And then you face Texas and as we saw last season, anything is possible.

So, one game. It could be the end of Jose Bautista, Edwin Encarnacion and others in Toronto. It could be the end of the sudden party that has enveloped Toronto and the country.

It's been a weird year in one way: with a better record from the start, management wasn't all-in this time; the decisions indicated a franchise undecided, even grudging, until the revenues piled so high that management had to publicly commit to trying to contend next season. Even then, team president Mark Shapiro offered provisos, escape clauses. Maybe they can't find the right players. Maybe there won't be enough money for that. This season-ending mess has given more excuses for a different plan, if nothing else.

But all that matters now is one game. It's a TV bastard tightrope act, the wild card: irrevocable, sudden, one chance to keep breathing after playing 162, no tomorrow unless there is. But it's a game. May as well play it.

Bruce Arthur is a sports columnist for the Toronto Star.

MATCHUP BREAKDOWN

Gibbons selects the 'perfect guy' to start

The Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles are about as similar as two clubs can be entering the American League wild-card game.

Both teams had 89-73 records in the AL East Division. Both teams clinched playoff spots on the final weekend of the season. And both teams own power-heavy lineups that can feast at a homer-happy stadium like Rogers Centre.

The Blue Jays had a 10-9 edge in the season series but Baltimore took two of three games last week in Toronto.

So who will blink first on Tuesday night?

The Toronto pitching staff led the American League in earned-run average while the Orioles led the majors in home runs.

Chris Tillman gets the start for Baltimore while fellow right-hander Marcus Stroman will be on the hill for Toronto.

"Some guys rise to the occasion. I've seen Stro do that many, many times," Jays manager John Gibbons said Monday. "I think he's the perfect guy."

TONIGHT

AL wild-card game: Baltimore at Toronto, Tuesday, 8:08 p.m. ET

The winner of the one-game showdown will advance to the American League Division Series. The Texas Rangers will host Game 1 of that series on Thursday afternoon.

The Orioles and the Blue Jays have been in Game 7 mode for several days and it seems rather fitting that they'll open the post-season with a win-or-go-home elimination game.

"There's got to be something to be said for experiencing those kind of games," Gibbons said. "You play enough of them, you get used to them."

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MLB

Britton waiting in the wings for O's

What could be scarier for the Blue Jays than one inning of Baltimore super closer Zach Britton in the American League wild-card game?

How about two innings.

"Yes, (Orioles manager Buck Showalter) told us to be ready for two innings," Britton said as the Orioles worked out in advance of the wild-card game Tuesday night at the Rogers Centre.

"Any time I get asked, that's fine. It's not something I haven't done before. Roles are roles, until they're not. You have to be ready for anything in a game like this. So just be ready when your number is called."

The Orioles rarely call Britton's number for two innings, although the left-hander did record five outs in Sunday's wild-card clinching win over the Yankees. He has only been stretched out past one inning on two other occasions this season, including July 31 against Toronto.

With an all-or-nothing game Tuesday, it wouldn't be a surprise to see Showalter call for Britton earlier than usual, depending on the way the game plays out. When you have the best reliever in baseball, and arguably the best left-hander in the game, it's a no-brainer.

Britton is the one clear advantage Baltimore has over the Jays. He has simply been unbeatable all season, converting all 47 save opportunities he's inherited. He's given up only four earned runs in 67 innings, with 74 strikeouts, 18 walks and just 38 hits allowed.

His ERA dipped below 1.00 on June 9 and has not risen above 0.70 since, winding up at 0.54. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Zach Britton GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

McGwire back on the Hall of Fame ballot

Mark McGwire is getting another swing at the Hall of Fame.

The former slugger who admitted using steroids joins Bud Selig, George Steinbrenner and seven others on the Today's Game Era ballot to be considered for election to Cooperstown in December. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

White Sox waste little time in hiring new manager

Rick Renteria is getting a second chance to manage in Chicago, this time on the South Side.

The White Sox promoted Renteria from bench coach on Monday, hoping he can help turn around a struggling franchise. Outgoing manager Robin Ventura announced Sunday that he would not return. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Murray starts career full of confidence

NBA

Canadian rookie was picked seventh in June's draft

He carries with him a confidence that borders on brashness, a feeling that he will thrive and not just survive as a raw NBA rookie, a kid with one year of college basketball under his belt who feels ready to make his mark.

It is impossible to know just how Jamal Murray will fare in his rookie season with the Denver Nuggets but know this: he thinks he'll be just fine.

"That's one thing I have always had, I've always had confidence," Murray said before he made his exhibition season debut with the Nuggets against the Toronto Raptors in Calgary Monday night. "I know what I can do. I don't think there's anyone that can stop me on the court. That's just a basketball player, that's the way you gotta think. That's the way I feel."

Jamal Murray plays both the point guard and shooting guard positions. NATHANIEL S. BUTLER/NBAE VIA GETTY IMAGES

Murray, the seventh pick in last June's draft after a year at Kentucky, is being force-fed one of the hardest positions in the NBA to learn — point guard — while spending some time at shooting guard as well.

Denver coach Michael Malone knows it's a lot for a 19-year-old to digest, but the Nuggets are willing to be patient.

"We're going to have him play on the ball and off the ball, he's got to learn all the spots on the floor," Malone told Denver reporters. "That's what a good point guard should do anyway."

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Murray, a six-foot-four native of Kitchener, Ont., averaged 20 points per game in his only season at Kentucky.

Make no mistake about it, Murray knows he's good.

"Some plays you get mixed up, but once you go through it once or twice, it's fine," Murray said. "I know the plays though, I know them well. I just got to make sure I know which play to run.

"It's part of being a point guard and a combo guard. You have to be able to play both positions well and know where everyone is going to be." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

NHL

Leafs goaltender back in good health

Frederik Andersen, the Maple Leafs' next great hope in net, is ready to play.

Andersen is expected to get at least one period of action when Toronto plays the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night in Saskatoon.

"I feel pretty good," said Andersen. "It's about getting back into game shape, and getting back up to speed."

Andersen has been on the shelf since the end of August when he was hurt representing Denmark at an Olympic qualifier. The shoulder injury cost him an appearance for Team Europe at the World Cup of Hockey.

"I was looking forward to playing," said Andersen. "It was a big honour to be named to the European team. Sometimes stuff like that happens."

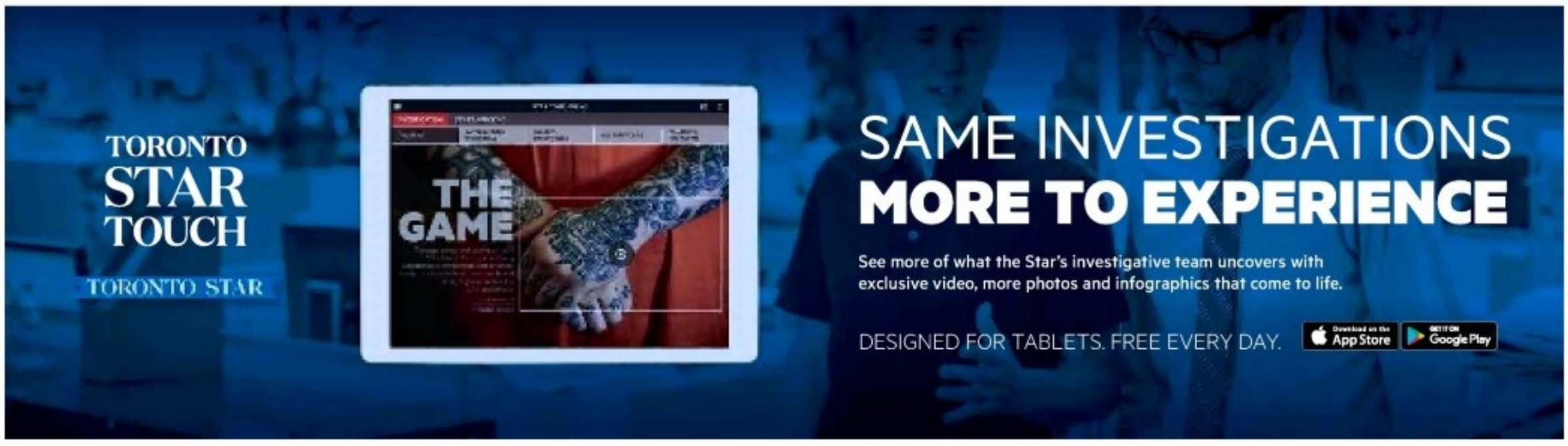
When the injury happened — a teammate skated into him by accident, causing him to fall awkwardly — the Leafs flew him to Toronto and wasted no time in shutting him down. He did not accompany the team to the start of its training camp in Halifax, and has only recently been taking part in practices.

Frederik Andersen GETTY IMAGES

"It was a blessing in disguise," said Andersen. "I got to settle in Toronto, meet all the new guys. It's a brand new team. I have to learn everybody's name."

The Leafs have invested heavily in the six-foot-five Andersen, who has parts of three seasons in Anaheim — two as a backup, one as the main goalie — giving him a five-year, $25-million contract extension upon acquiring him in a trade with the Ducks in June.

"I was really excited that they believed in me," said Andersen. "I'm excited about joining this franchise. I think we have something special going on here. I know we can keep building on this. We can get back in the playoffs. The goal is to win the whole thing. We're taking the right steps toward that, to bringing a winning culture back to Toronto." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE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Cam Newton inexplicably slowed down nearing the goal line on a two-point conversion run on Sunday and took a legal hit from Falcons linebacker Deion Jones. SCOTT CUNNINGHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Wounded Panthers face nervous wait on Newton

NFL

Doctor verdict due after star QB taken off with concussion

The Carolina Panthers are 1-3, their MVP quarterback has a concussion and their young secondary just allowed Matt Ryan to throw for 503 yards and four touchdowns.

Yep, the NFC's best team last season is reeling. The Panthers are 1-3 for the fourth time in six seasons under coach Ron Rivera, but the two-time NFL Coach of the Year said this one feels different.

"I think we should be better than we are," Rivera said Monday.

Carolina has won three straight NFC South titles, but is two games behind the Atlanta Falcons (3-1) one quarter of the way through the season. And now there's a chance they could be without Cam Newton for a while.

Newton left Sunday's 48-33 loss to the Falcons in the fourth quarter with a concussion and did not return. Rivera said Newton's status for next Monday night's home game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers is uncertain. The Panthers visit the New Orleans Saints in another division matchup in Week 6 before a bye week.

> **I have no idea what has come out of the meetings with the doctors.**
> Panthers' coach Ron Rivera

Derek Anderson, who threw two TD passes and two interceptions against the Falcons, would start if Newton isn't cleared from the concussion protocol. Anderson was 2-0 as a starter for Carolina in 2014 with both wins coming against Tampa Bay.

Rivera last spoke to Newton after the game at the Georgia Dome and said the quarterback told him, "I'm fine."

But the coach said he hadn't spoken to Newton on Monday and that "I have no idea what has come out of the meeting with the doctors."

The Panthers return to practice Wednesday.

Newton inexplicably slowed down nearing the goal line on a 2-point conversion run on Sunday and took a legal hit from linebacker Deion Jones.

Rivera, a former NFL linebacker with the Chicago Bears, seemed to have no problem with the hit, saying "If I was playing I'd have taken the shot." Even before the injury, Newton wasn't playing particularly smart.

He was flagged for a taunting penalty in the first quarter and finished 14 of 25 for 165 yards and a touchdown with a few overthrows.

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NFL

Romo's return made tricky by Dak's form

Dak Prescott never gets tricked by the question, no matter how someone asks what happens when Tony Romo returns from his latest back injury.

The answer will only get more complicated for the Cowboys if the rookie keeps playing this well in his record-setting debut. With a victory at home against Cincinnati on Sunday, Dallas (3-1) will be guaranteed a winning record for the widely projected Romo return date of Oct. 30. Then again, maybe it's not complicated if you listen to tight end Jason Witten, Romo's favourite target, close friend and teammate for all of their 14 seasons since they came into the NFL together with the Cowboys in 2003.

Witten said Monday: "I think there's few people on this planet that can do the things at that position what he's done in his career. He'll continue to come back and play at a high level."

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IN BRIEF

World Cup could expand

World Cup expansion plans got even bigger Monday, and the 2026 tournament could have 48 teams playing instead of 32.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino outlined the idea that would see 16 teams go home after playing just one game in a new opening playoff round. The 16 playoff winners would join 16 seeded teams to begin a 32-team group stage that follows the current World Cup format.

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Kubiak says Siemian is Denver's QB if he's healthy

Gary Kubiak always had an answer last season when he gathered his players to let them know whether Peyton Manning or Brock Osweiler would start that week. This time, it comes with a caveat.

Kubiak said "our plan is for Trevor (Siemian) being there Sunday, but we have to take it day by day." So, rookie Paxton Lynch could get his first start for the Broncos, over the ailing Siemian against Atlanta.

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SOCCER

Bradley becomes first U.S. boss in EPL

Bob Bradley persevered in Egypt through a violent uprising, excelled in Norway with limited resources and dropped into France's second tier league to further prove his coaching credentials.

Throughout the arduous journey after leading the United States at the 2010 World Cup, Bradley remained fixed on the ultimate goal — a job in a top European league.

Now, after years of setbacks and rejections, the 58-year-old Bradley has arrived in the richest soccer league of all after landing a job with Swansea City on Monday.

The Premier League has had 21 different nationalities managing its teams, but Bradley is the first American after replacing the fired Francesco Guidolin in south Wales.

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RECIPE Spicy Beef Tacos with Sweet Potato

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Ready in 40 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 large sweet potato, diced into bite-size pieces
- 1 Tbsp (15 ml) olive oil
- 1 1/2 tsp (7.5 ml) salt, divided
- 1/2 red onion, thinly sliced and rinsed in very warm water
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) sugar
- pinch of salt
- 1/3 cup rice vinegar
- 2 lb. (900 g) organic lean ground beef
- 2 Tbsp (30 ml) chili powder
- 2 tsp (10 ml) ground cumin
- 1 tsp (5 ml) cinnamon
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried oregano
- 1 tsp (5 ml) pepper
- 2 tsp (10 ml) salt
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) shaved Monterey jack cheese
- Handful chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 corn tortillas
- jar of prepared salsa

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. Toss sweet potato with olive oil and 1/2 tsp (2ml) salt. Spread on a lined baking sheet and bake 5 to 7 minutes. Toss and bake another 5 minutes, or until fork tender. Remove from oven and place in a bowl; set aside.

2. In a small bowl, dissolve sugar and salt in vinegar, add the onions; set aside.

3. In large skillet, cook beef over medium heat, breaking up with spoon, until browned, 10 minutes.

4. Meanwhile, in a small bowl, blend spices and garlic. Stir into meat; cook another 2 minutes. Remove from heat and transfer half to a serving dish. Put other half in an airtight container and store in the refrigerator to use for another dinner. Place beef, sweet potato, slices of red onion, cheese, fresh cilantro, salsa and tortillas out on the table for taco assembly.

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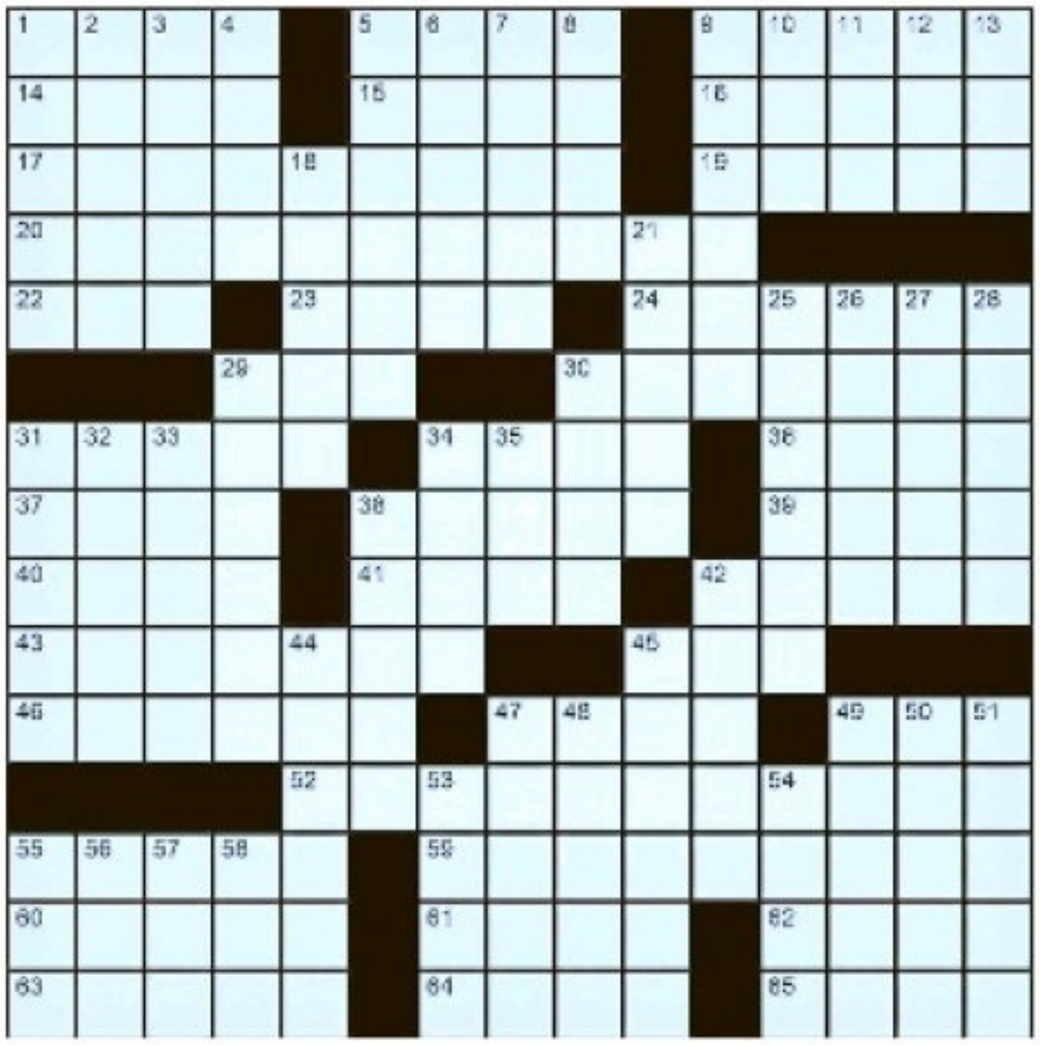

ACROSS
1. Reveal the secret
5. Rebuff
9. Jazz legend Ms. Vaughan
14. Moon, in Montreal
15. Towering
16. Doubly
17. Starter in Italian cuisine
19. Red _ (Tree in British Columbia)
20. American _ _ (Ice Age animal which lived in the Yukon)
22. "Forrest Gump" (1994) star ...his initials-sharers
23. Ms. Kedrova of "Torn Curtain" (1966)
24. Beaver-like rodent called a 'river rat'
29. Johnny Carson bandleader Mr. Severinsen
30. Lifestyles guru Martha
31. Couch potato's prize possession: 2 wds.
34. Prefix to 'copter'
36. Face shape
37. Elevation on land
38. Sort of shrub
39. Greek alphabet's second letter
40. Old Testament twin
41. Hopped off the horse
42. Jazz†legend Mr. Davis
43. "Opportunity" is a 1967 hit by what Canadian band?
45. Carpet store purchase
46. Self-_
47. Bowsprit, for one
49. British singer Mr. Smith
52. The regular folk: 3 wds.
55. 1942 Disney classic
59. Sold, Sotheby's-style
60. Scent
61. Entreaty
62. Beast
63. Glower
64. Antiquities
65. Info

DOWN
1. Booming noise
2. Noon hour meal
3. 'Nay' sides in debates
4. "Could It _ _ Falling in Love" by The Spinners
5. Radio interference
6. Of the nose
7. Ne plus _ (Perfection)
8. Allied group
9. Sculptor's creation
10. Pointy tool
11. Empty
12. Champion
13. "And I Love _" (Lennon-McCartney)
18. Test episode in television
21. Shenanigan
25. _-_ Matthews, Emilio Estevez's character in "The Outsiders" (1983)
26. Disentangle
27. All worked up
28. Maps book
29. Hoodwink
30. Window blinds segment
31. Subject matter
32. Travel endorsements
33. Angle
34. Hoop's fun friend
35. Record label
38. Ms. Hayek the actress
42. Tuesday, in Tadoussac
44. Antenna
45. The aquatic Rays
47. Brain's 'bonnet'
48. Walked anxiously
49. _-_-long (Campfire fun)
50. Aware
51. Mythical wife scorned by Jason
53. Scruff
54. Recipes requirement
55. "Run to You" Canadian rocker ...his initials-sharers
56. Curve
57. Farm sound
58. Snazzy car

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
This is an excellent day to have a practical discussion with a partner or close friend. People are in a practical frame of mind and are concerned about how to do something.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will be productive at work today because it's easy to concentrate. Furthermore, you want practical results from your hard work

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions about the practicalities of a social event, a vacation or making plans for parties and fun diversions will yield results today. It's a good day to teach children.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You might talk to a parent or an authority figure in your family today about doing something that needs to be done at home. Listen to the advice of others.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You have an orderly state of mind today, which makes it easy to make long-range plans for the future. You will give careful consideration to everything you do.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will be careful about your finances today and how you handle money. If shopping, you will want to buy only long-lasting, practical items.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today the Sun is in your sign dancing with stern Saturn. This favors hard work and doing anything that will help you to be better organized. Dig right in!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Research of any kind will go well today because you won't overlook details. You are willing to accept your duty and defer today's pleasure for tomorrow's results.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
An older friend or someone in a group might have wise advice for you today. Listen to what is offered, because it could benefit you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will impress bosses, parents and VIPs because you are conscientious, hardworking and results-oriented.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You might meet a guru-like figure today or a teacher or professor who has wise advice for you. Possibly, you will play the role of adviser for someone else.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Discussions about shared property, inheritances and financial matters will be productive. You are not in a frivolous frame of mind. In fact, it's quite the opposite — you want to wrap up practical matters.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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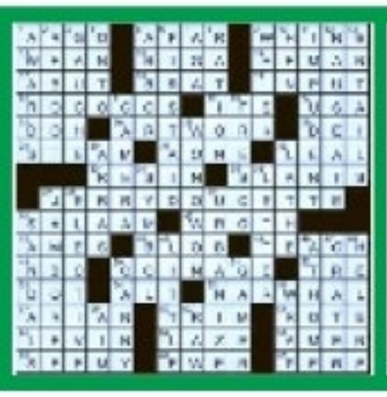

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